⚡**Russian Defence Ministry report on the progress of the special military operation in Ukraine**

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Russian Federation Armed Forces continue the special military operation.

💥**In Kupyansk direction**, as a result of the shelling up to **20** Ukrainian servicemen, **2** armoured fighting vehicles and **3** pickup trucks have been eliminated near Berestovoye and Kislovka (Kharkov region).

💥**In Krasniy-Liman direction**, as a result of the offensive in separate directions and artillery strikes more than **50** Ukrainian servicemen, **2** infantry fighting vehicles and **3** pickup trucks have been eliminated. In addition, **3** AFU sabotage and reconnaissance groups have been eliminated near Terny (Donetsk People's Republic) and Chervonaya Dibrova (Lugansk People's Republic).

💥**In Donetsk direction**, Russian troops continued their offensive, knocking the enemy out of its positions. **3** enemy counterattacks have been repelled near Artyomovsk and Shumy (Donetsk People's Republic) and Belogorovka (Lugansk People's Republic). As a result of the shelling, AFU units have been **dispersed and pushed back** to their initial positions. The enemy's losses amounted to more than **40** Ukrainian servicemen killed and wounded, **3** armoured fighting vehicles and **2** motor vehicles.

💥**In South Donetsk direction**, as a result of preemptive actions by Russian troops and complex fire attacks, an attempted attack by a reinforced company of the AFU near Sladkoye (Donetsk people's republic) was thwarted. **2** AFU sabotage and reconnaissance groups have been destroyed near Novomayorskoye and Shevchenko (Donetsk People's Republic). Up to **50** Ukrainian servicemen and **3** motor vehicles have been eliminated.

The missile troops and artillery have neutralised the command posts of units of the **1st Territorial Defence Brigade** near Berislav (Kherson region), the **102nd and 108th territorial defence brigades** near Guliaipole (Zaporozhye region), **64** artillery units in firing positions, and personnel and military equipment in **93** areas.

💥 **One AFU warhouse of rocket and artillery** arms has been destroyed near Kharkov. **One radar station of S-300 surface-to-air missile system** has been destroyed near Ray-Aleksandrovka (Donetsk People's Republic).

⬜ Air defence forces shot down **4** AFU unmanned aerial vehicles near Novovaya Tarasovka (Kharkov Region), Novoukrainskoye, Grafskoye and Sladkoye (Donetsk People's Republic). In addition, two **HIMARS** rockets have been intercepted near Pervomaisk (Lugansk People's Republic).

📊**In total**, **344** airplanes and **184** helicopters, **2,673** unmanned aerial vehicles, **396** air defence missile systems, **7,134** tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, **931** fighting vehicles equipped with MLRS, **3,689** field artillery cannons and mortars, as well as **7,625** units of special military hardware have been destroyed during the special military operation.

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💥**In Donetsk direction**, Russian troops continue their offensive, which has resulted in taking over new advantageous lines and positions. The enemy made unsuccessful attempts to restore the position of its troops.

💥 One AFU **warehouse of weapons**, military and special equipment has been destroyed.

⬜ The Russian Air Force's fighter aircraft have shot down an AFU **MiG-29** aircraft near Yablonovka. One AFU **Mi-8** helicopter has been shot down.

📹**Footage** of combat actions of 2S4 Tulpan within the special military operation.

⬜ **Mechanised riflemen** hold defence on left bank of Dnieper.

🏥**Doctors and medical staff** of WMD provide medical assistance within special military operation.

⬜ **Kozelsk missile unit** loads Yars intercontinental ballistic missile into silo launcher.